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# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## *The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago* **2007 Annual Report**

Dear Friends:

The year 2007 was a good one in the life of Fourth Presbyterian Church. We continue to be a strong, vital, and growing urban congregation located at one of the most



interesting intersections in the world. Our outreach ministries, including all the wonderful programs of Chicago Lights, our 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, touched the lives of thousands of people in profoundly life-giving ways. An array of adult education, fellowship, and service opportunities provided resources and inspiration, and Christian education, fellowship,

and service programs for children and youth continue to be the growing edge of our life. Full worshipping congregations on Sunday mornings and 122 infant baptisms are signs of healthy faithfulness. We focused new attention on stewardship during the year, addressing the goal of full financial participation and support from all of our members. We are making some progress in this very important area and will continue to work at it in the year ahead. The staff is at near full-strength, and it is the most creative and lively group of colleagues with whom I have ever worked. With the addition of a new Associate Pastor for Mission in 2008, every vacancy will be filled.

The Project Light Leadership Team continues to meet with development partners to keep alive and pursue

Project Light goals for an expanded church facility to accommodate our numerical growth and for our financial strength for the future. Project Light has required much patience of all of us, and I am grateful for your steadfastness and confidence. My hope—my expectation—is that we will come to resolution and move toward building in the year ahead.

In the meantime, and all the while, Fourth Presbyterian Church is a congregation of individual Christians who worship and learn and grow and serve together. As I write this, I think about Emmie Janick, 101 years old, who died last week. Emmie and Steve, who died in 1988, belonged to Fourth Presbyterian Church for seventy years. The church was at the center of their lives. It supported, sustained, and inspired them across the years, and as I remember them both I am grateful for their love and loyalty for their church. It is a gift. That love and loyalty, across the many years, as pastors come and go, in good times and challenging times, is what makes us a church. And as I look back at the three other congregations I have served, each very different, that love and loyalty, rooted in faith in Jesus Christ, is what defines these institutions as churches.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago is a big, resourceful, and geographically diverse congregation. Some of us, maybe a third, live somewhere close to the church. Like all churches of all sizes, we see fellow church members on the sidewalk, at the grocery store. But something like

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### **The 138th Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

**Sunday, February 10, 2008 • In the sanctuary after 11:00 worship**

*Congregational dinner to follow in Anderson Hall*

**(February worship schedule and other monthly information is on pages 25–28.)**

*Each February throughout its history, the congregation of Fourth Church has gathered to elect new officers to the boards of Session, Trustees, and Deacons. Drawing on recommendations submitted by the congregation during the previous summer, the Nominating Committee prepares a slate of candidates it presents at the meeting. Afterwards, all gather for a time of food and fellowship as the Congregational Life Committee hosts a dinner in Anderson Hall.*

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two-thirds of us live away from the church, some in suburbs, some in neighboring states, some on either coast, a few living abroad. Some of our members are in retirement facilities and, although once very active, are no longer able to travel to church for worship and activities. One of them wrote to me recently, a doctor who was active as a leader for years, one of the first women to be elected as an Elder. She's in her nineties now and is not going to be able to come to church, she states, so perhaps she should resign her membership, even though she deeply loves Fourth Church. I told her I thought resigning was a bad idea, that she was and is and always will be a part of this church family. Other members, a couple, returned from California where work has taken them, to renew their vows in the church where they were married and their children were baptized.

Fourth Presbyterian Church responds to the gospel of Jesus Christ by aspiring to be a Light in the City. This annual report tells an amazing story of a missional church living out its life in loving service to its neighbors near and far. That mission is our life blood. We are strong

and vigorous and growing to the degree that we are faithful to our mission. I am sure of that. But we are also a congregation of individuals whose relationship to the church is marked by the seasons of life: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage. Our connection is marked by high moments of worship at Christmas and Easter and on all the Sundays in between and by moments when we head to church because there is no better place to be, for funerals and memorial services, in times of national tragedy, for celebrations and remembrances. A church, we must never, never forget—William Willimon said recently—is a place where people have met and continue to meet God, where God has met us. And so it is a holy place.

Read this report and be amazed, as I always am, at all the ways this church represents the good news of God's love for all people. And do remember all the quiet and mostly invisible ways this church is a place where people meet, and are met by, God.

Faithfully,



*During 2007, the following changes took place in the church records.*

Total membership at the conclusion of 2007: 5,873

(Total membership at the conclusion of 2006: 5,771)

Persons received into membership: 262

Members transferred to other churches: 74

Members requesting removal, apart from transfers: 25

Members removed after being inactive for two years: 44

Members who died: 17

*We regret to record the deaths of the following persons  
and wish to extend our sympathy to their families and friends.*

Richard Russell Adams

Loretta (Lori) Bohaty

Arthur DeBoer

Mary Park Emmons

Mary Jane Kohn

Ruth McClow

Jane Nichols

Sue Pera

Joan J. Phillips

Marion Price

Ed Renno

John Swearingen

Eleanor Teuscher

Wendell Tozer

Violet Van Sickle

Kevin Weppner

*(known to us as Duke Foxx)*

William Wirtz

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*We rejoice in the Sacrament of Baptism of the following children.*

Christopher Louis Ackerman	Luke William Foster	Julia Johnson Nickerson
McKenna Lynne Adams	Skye Marie Freeman	Kyra Ingrid O'Brien
Ryan Rayfield Anderson	Esmé Love Fuller	Brennan Martha O'Connell-Miller
Suzanne Elizabeth Avakian	Carina Tess Gagliardi	Calum Michael Otten
Beatrice Catherine Baker	Grace Holliday Gardner	Dylan Clark Pepper
Delaney Melinda Barrymore	Tucker Elliot Glendinning	Sofia Francesca Louise Picciola
Abigail Jane Bartlett	John Wesley Griffin	Katherine Page Pilgrim
Evan William Behee	Katherine Ann Grissom	Lola Mireille Prisco
Alexandra Nicole Blake	Otto Wilsford Gross	Isabel Delia Pyle
Duke Michael Bowman	Douglas Rhodri Hamilton	Elisabeth Adams Raub
Jenna Grace Bracken	Katharine Jorndt Haravon	Joseph Reiff V
Tara Lynn Bracken	Olivia Paige Haravon	Beckett Ross Reisenbigler
Charles Jacob Brickman	Fiona Elizabeth Hawk	Madison Marie Rewey
Madison Thomas Brooks	Kristian Aiden Hill	Damon Nicholas Rosania
Thomson Will Brumfield	Vaughn Charles Lind Hoffman	Noel Alexandra Rosania
Dylan Michael Burns	Aiden Samuel Hunter	Will Connor Rousseau
Quinn Daniel Earl Burns	David Johannes Jordaen	Anderson Lee Ruppel
Lucas Joseph Campanella	Ian William Karas	Rocco Silvano Salvi
Miles Osborn Canning	Joonil Jonah Kim	Heidi Claire Schoenherr
James Lewis Caragher	Julia Martha Kindig	Ryan Christian Schoenstedt
Jackson Charles Cardwell	Brielle Kirsten Kirk	Abigail Bryden Schroeder
Caroline Pearl Carrillo	Delaney Hamelin Kirk	Sean Alexander Scott
Jonathan Hanjoon Cesario	Ryan Scott Knight	Ella Kay Shuel
Marc Charles Chocoll II	William Kenneth Kozlowski	Lauren Skye Slater
Samuel James Clark	Griffin Gabriel Kuhlman	Austin Wrigley Gisto Smith
Hampton Walker Crago	Melody Shuying Kulich	Victoria Taylor Smith
Charlotte Katherine Lancelot Crawford	Nora Isabelle Lane	Thomas Owen Strong
Ella Elizabeth Currie	Phillip George Stanley Lane	Cynthia Yan Cheng Summy
Sabrina Janet Daniels	William Edwin Lewis II	Vera Grace Tax
Harrison Davis DeLarber	Nathan James Liddell	Marvin Austin Thomason IV
Charlotte Louise Dellin	Richard George Lindner	Elizabeth Braislín Trowbridge
Jack Eduard Dellin	Jane Elizabeth Luedtke	Marin Tabitha Tuscher
Harold Raymond Demarest IV	Emersen Grace Browning Mann	Zachary Arthur Weissman
William Charles DeMille	Ethan William McLochlin	William Godfrey Welch
Grayson James Dickerhofe	Andrew Richard McMillan	Charles James Wilcoxon
Griffin Acree Domm	Finley Thomas McSpedon	Katherine Lynn Wilcoxon
Maggie Smith Edmonds	Isabella Sy Lien Meagher	Lila Cameron Worth
Trent Edward Ehrle	Evan William Meints	Charlotte Virginia York
Claire Abernathy Eilers	Ashley Clare Neill	Mica Renee Zandstra
Maxwell Benjamin Few	Nathaniel Lee Nichols	Madeline Kate Zubel
Zachary Huang Findler	Sadie Marie Nichols	
Nolan Michael Foley	John-Paul Nicholson	



*On Sunday, April 15, new officers of the church, who were elected by the congregation at the February 11 congregational meeting, are ordained and installed. Previously ordained elders join the ministers in laying hands on those being newly ordained.*

## The Boards

The belief that the people of God are called to be leaders is at the heart of the Presbyterian way. This commitment manifests itself in a style of “representative democracy” that is unique in the worldwide church. This representative democracy is embodied in the boards of the church: the Session, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Deacons. The officers who serve on these boards have been identified for their gifts of leadership and commitment to the life and ministry of this congregation and are elected to three-year terms by the congregation. These elections are held each February. Officers are then ordained and installed in May, when they begin their term of service. This report gratefully acknowledges all those who served as officers during 2007: those whose term ended in May, those whose term began then, and those whose term continued throughout the year.

*Sunday School students surround their teachers during their commissioning as part of Sunday, September 16 worship. Fifty-four teachers volunteer in pairs to teach alternate Sundays, nurturing the children and youth in their faith.*



### *Fourth Presbyterian Church Mission Statement*

We are a light in the city reflecting the inclusive love of God. Comforted and challenged by the Gospel of Christ, we strive to be a welcoming, serving community.

At the intersection of faith and life, we share God’s grace through worship, preaching, education, and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual’s spiritual pilgrimage. Inspired by our heritage, we confront our future with hope and confidence in God’s purpose.



## The Board of Deacons

At the heart of Deacon ministry is service and care, and 2007 saw an expansion of this Deacon role within the life of the congregation. The Congregational Care Session Committee transferred its responsibilities to the Board of Deacons, which continued the robust ministries of service and outreach while managing the Congregational Care programs. Deacon Outreach Care continued its partnership with the Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as its oversight of Monday Night Supper at Catholic Charities and summer Youth Tennis, which had a banner year with two students invited to participate in the Tennis Opportunity Program hosted at Midtown Tennis Club. The board's Intercessory Prayer Committee is working to multiply the points of contact within the congregation, expanding the ministry of prayer and companionship within the church. Deacon Care brought programs of great depth and scope to the board's monthly gatherings, featuring topics on ministry to those who are homeless, local and global mission, intercessory prayer, the sacraments, and fellowship. Its Congregational Care Committee continues the meaningful ministry of Network Calling, in which each member of the congregation is invited to offer prayer concerns that are then named during Morning Prayer. The Worship Hospitality and Sacraments Committee coordinates communion and hospitality ministries around the church.

With the additional responsibilities that have transferred to the Deacons from Session, the Deacon Congregational Care Committee is expanding its duties to include home communion, Angels on Call (coordinating meals for families with newborns or in a time of need, hospital visits, and transportation to doctors appointments), Care Teams (a one-

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*On Saturday, April 14, Fourth Church joins other churches nationwide in urging Congress to address issues of carbon emissions, with a goal of seeing them cut by 80 percent by 2050. The Care of Creation Committee continues to highlight environmental issues and call members to be good stewards of God's creation when, on Sunday, May 6, the committee turns Coffee Hour into an information fair with the theme "Going Green—It's Easier Than You Think."*



*The Deacons mark four years of serving a weekly Monday Night Supper at Catholic Charities, providing a meal for 160 people each week.*

*For the Christmas dinner, Sunday School students make table decorations and Fourth Church volunteers sing songs of the season.*



*Fourth Church joins other congregations of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in observing a Week of Prayer and Witness with Christians in the Middle East. A special Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 13 provides information about Christians in the Middle East, their situation and the reconciling role they play in that region of the world. On Wednesday, May 16, Pastor Said Aelibouni of Grace Lutheran Church of LaGrange speaks at a Middle Eastern-themed dinner.*



*September is always a month filled with anticipation at Fourth Church, with special Coffee Hours for signing up to "Get Connected" through adult education classes, fellowship groups, and volunteer opportunities.*

*The Center for Whole Health and the Center for Life and Learning host a Celebration of Caring Luncheon on Saturday, November 3, honoring caregiving relationships. The program includes a presentation about therapy dogs—and a special visit by one of the canine friends, Bentley, seated here with Marie and Helen Carstensen.*



year volunteer commitment), Bridge Teams (three- to six-month volunteer commitment), Caring Connector Ministry, and other duties that involve a ministry of presence, care, and service to those in times of transition or need.

*Ended their term of service in 2007:*

Florence Adibu, Lisa Armstrong, Milt Clark, Delia Coleman, Lou DiCerbo, Don DuPree, Carol Gates, Jessica Corlett Gregory, Marty Hansen, Courtney Hartford, Beverly Kowatch, Lori Payeur, Doug Pond, Jane Purdy, Byron Reed, Kari Sanderson, Rob Sinclair, Barbara Waters, Stuart Whitmore, Kim Young

*Continued their term of service:* John Bell,

Gayle Birdsong, Stu Bradley, Irene Bumpus, Esther Cesario, Ed Coke, Bennie Davis, Todd DeStigter, Debbie Frisch, Austin Garfield, Alison Gerlach, Ryan Gregory, Alice Hamilton, Deborah Johnson, Arnie Lenters, Barbara Maloof, Diane Meister, Melanie Oh, Cris Ohr, Don Outlaw, Joe Pixler, Gail Riggs, Leon Rinkenberger, Andrew Shih, Stanley Smith, Mark Staublin, Akiko Tarumoto, Alison Thomas, Seth Tuscher, Stephanette Walker, Mary Kay Wysham.

*Began their term in 2007:* Dan Alvarez,

Nikki Andrews, Agnes Boateng, Gabrielle Boateng, Bill Fisher, Roberta Hayes, Joe Jeffery, Karen Johnson, Christopher Jones, Maggie Lewis, Rebecca Nilsson, Bev Pace, Jo Preuninger, Dave Smith, Terrance Stephens, Kristi Walker, Roger Wilson

*Staff liaison:* Alice M. Trowbridge, Associate Pastor



## The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees oversees the financial, legal, and property affairs of the church. The standing committees of the Trustees include

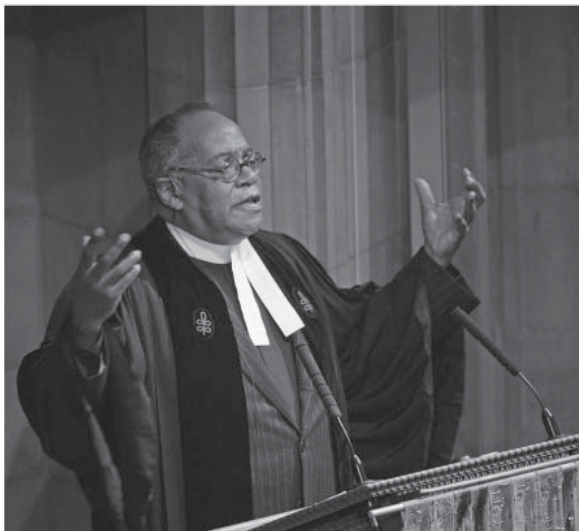
- Joint Finance, composed of members of Trustees, Session, and Deacons, ensures the church is functioning on a sound financial basis
- Investment develops investment strategy and appoints managers and advisers to manage the church's invested funds
- Audit ensures compliance with sound financial controls and laws; it reviews audit results with church-appointed independent auditors
- Development studies and recommends appropriate action on all proposals for fund-raising and development
- Legal Affairs provides oversight and assistance regarding all legal affairs affecting the church, including Chicago Lights
- Property ensures systems and procedures are in place to adequately maintain all church property in proper working order; it monitors maintenance needs and expenditures

*Ended their term in 2007:* Marilynn Cason, David Eldersveld, Bryan Erler, Paul Gignilliat, Patsy Habicht, Clarence Johnson, Steve Philip

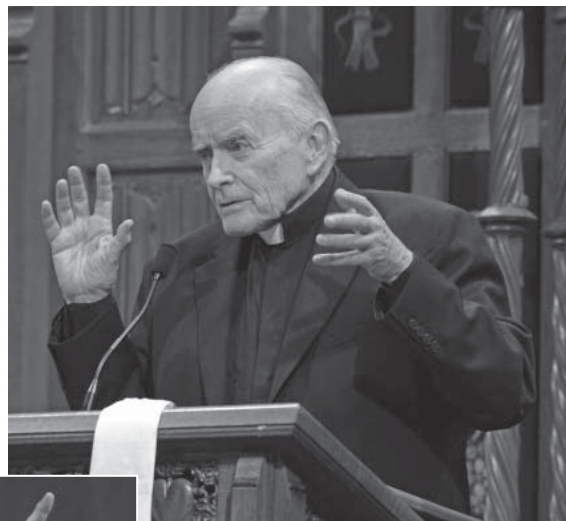
*Continued their term of service:* Deborah Bricker, Nancy Brown, Juli Crabtree, Lloyd Culbertson, Rebecca Dixon, Joan Hall, Susan M. Hill, Elinore Hite, Andy McGaan, Marc Miller, Bob Parsons, Dennis Thorn, Linda Valentine, S. L. van der Zanden

*Began their term in 2007:* Clyde O. Bowles Jr., Elizabeth Foster, R. Thomas Howell Jr., Sandra Nelson, Jeanne Olofson, Rick Sabol, Joe Sifferlen

*Staff liaisons:* John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor; Robert Holben, Director of Business Administration; Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries



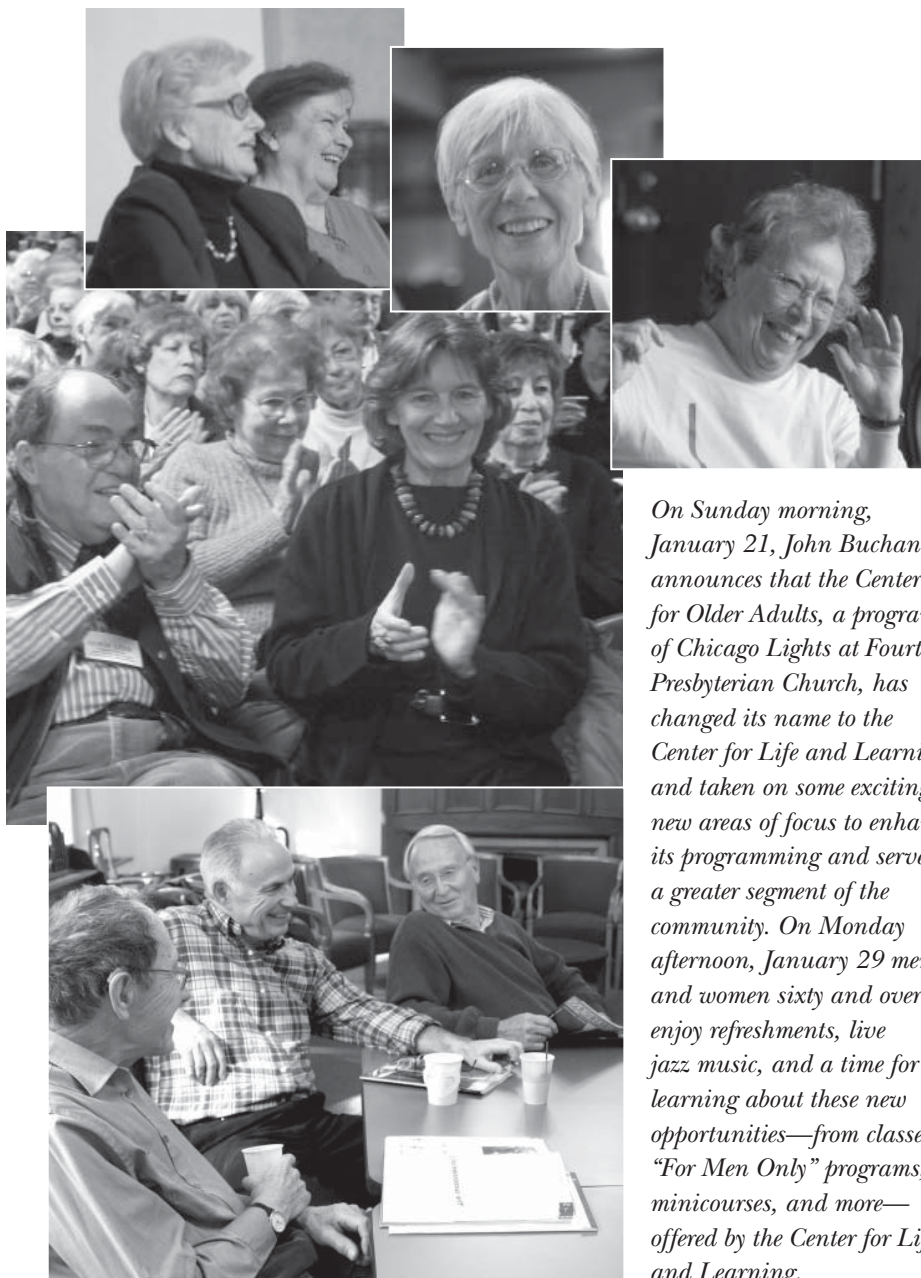
*Fourth Church is honored to welcome widely acclaimed preachers and authors Barbara Brown Taylor (March 18) and Peter Gomes (September 23) to its pulpit as guest preachers.*



*Best-selling author, sociologist, and Roman Catholic priest Andrew Greeley (shown here on Tuesday, May 23) is among those who speak as part of the 2007 Michigan Avenue Forums coordinated by the Adult Education Committee. On Tuesday, October 23, Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking* and an activist on matters related to the death penalty and poverty, speaks in the sanctuary as part of McCormick Days, an annual event of McCormick Theological Seminary.*



*Again this year  
CBS tapes and  
then twice  
rebroadcasts  
Fourth Church's  
8:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve  
candlelight service.*



*On Sunday morning,  
January 21, John Buchanan  
announces that the Center  
for Older Adults, a program  
of Chicago Lights at Fourth  
Presbyterian Church, has  
changed its name to the  
Center for Life and Learning  
and taken on some exciting  
new areas of focus to enhance  
its programming and serve  
a greater segment of the  
community. On Monday  
afternoon, January 29 men  
and women sixty and over  
enjoy refreshments, live  
jazz music, and a time for  
learning about these new  
opportunities—from classes,  
“For Men Only” programs,  
minicourses, and more—  
offered by the Center for Life  
and Learning.*

## Joint Finance

The Joint Finance Committee is responsible for ensuring that the financial operations of Fourth Presbyterian Church are managed effectively to support internal programs and mission outreach. The annual budget of the church is approved by the committee, which includes members of the Board of Trustees, Session, and Deacons.

*Committee members:* Mark Bereyso; Gerry Bloomer; Andrew Brickman; Vern Broders; Nancy Brown; Lloyd Culbertson; Bob Doak; Ralph Fujimoto; Paul Gignilliat; Joan M. Hall; Marilee Hopkins, Treasurer; Arnie Lenters; Larry McCracken; Andy McGaan; Marc Miller; Sandra Nelson; Tony Ruger; Joe Sifferlen; Robert Unglaub, Linda Valentine

*Staff liaisons:* John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor; Robert Holben, Director of Business Administration; Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries



## The Session

The Session, which is the governing body of the church, is made up of thirty-seven Elders (the translation of the Greek word *presbyteros*). The Session is responsible for the whole life and ministry of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Particular Session responsibilities include receiving new members; leading the congregation in mission; providing for worship and the administration of the sacraments—baptism and communion; offering educational programs, care and nurture, and fellowship opportunities; and challenging the congregation in its stewardship of time, talent, and financial resources.

The Session carries out its responsibilities through the several committees that report to the Session. Those individual committee reports make up the remainder of this 2007 Annual Report and include a listing of those who so graciously gave of their time and talent in serving on these committees during 2007.

*Ended their term in 2007:* Jeanne Bishop, Gerald Bloomer, David Crawford, Elizabeth Foster, Kerry Grady, Jane Hunt, Betty Hutchison, Jerry Latherow, Gunnbjorg Lavoll, Mark Nelson, Sylvia Robertson, Rick Sabol, Ben Schemper

*Continued their term of service:* Bill Becker, Mark Bereyso, Betty Bergstrom, Beth Davis, Lisa Doak, Sam Evans, Arlene Faulk, Jay Frey, Ann Kingstrom, Carl Lingenfelter, Carol Lobbes, Lars Lofgren, Larry McCracken, Ann Mellott, David Miller, Ed Miller, Francis Ntowe-Fankam, Janet S. Reed, Tony Ruger, Mary Schaafsma, Sue Schemper, Bob Unglaub, Claudia Winkler, Allison Youngblood

*Began their term in 2007:* Andrew Brickman, Fred Chisolm, Allison Cochrane, Linda Crane, Allison Pay Crawford, Liz Kurman, Doug Pond, Kathi Rodak, John Shorney, Rob Sinclair, Evadney Stephens, Len Tomaka, Kim Yaung

Martin Sherrod, Clerk of Session  
John M. Buchanan, Moderator



*Fourth Church Elder Dr. Bernard Blaauw, who was commissioned as a medical missionary in November 2006, spends the year working in Cameroon, providing valuable medical expertise in treating HIV/AIDS patients, helping train local health care providers, and reaching out to pastors to help educate people about AIDS prevention and treatment. Members and friends of Fourth Church form the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance to help support these efforts.*



*The Music program celebrates two tenth anniversaries in 2007: ten years of the free Friday Noonday Concerts series and of Tower Brass. The brass octet has been assisting in worship leadership during the 9:30 and 11:00 services since 1997. Also since 1997 free Friday Noonday Concerts*



*take place, presenting a diverse repertoire. Among the performers in 2007 is eight-year-old Anastasia Rizikov, a winner of the International Competition for Young Pianists in Honor of Vladimir Horowitz, who presents a program that includes Chopin's Nocturne cis moll No. 20 (Op. post.).*



*Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, co-teaches an Academy for Faith and Life course on her new book about religious diversity. This year's classes range from close-up looks at specific books of the Bible, explorations of spiritual formation and disciplines, Christian art, Jesus and money, and other faiths.*

*Tassos Malliaris (on the left, with John Buchanan) is honored for his thirty years of leading the John Knox Bible Study. The John Knox class is the longest-running continuous Bible study in Chicago, having begun at Fourth Church on May 6, 1923.*



## Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee provides for the education and spiritual growth of Fourth Church members and visitors through the Academy for Faith and Life, Bible study groups, officer training, Michigan Avenue Forums, the Borden Library, tape and transcript ministries, and educational collaboration with other church programs.

Through the Academy, the committee offers courses in the areas of Bible, contemporary discipleship, history of the church and world religions, spiritual life, and theology. In 2007, the Adult Education Committee was intentional about providing educational opportunities that address a variety of subject areas and educate adults according to multiple learning styles. Examples include classes on spiritual formation in the Presbyterian tradition and a class that made use of visual arts, music, and theater to engage students in poetry writing as a spiritual discipline. World religions courses introduced students to the fundamentals of Judaism and Eastern Orthodox Christianity and examined the Islamic understanding of the relationship between religion and the state. The committee continues to experiment with class offerings throughout the week. Among other opportunities, there is now a Men's Bible Study group that meets before work in the Loop.

The Adult Education Committee also makes arrangements for a variety of additional opportunities for education at Fourth Church. Bible study and book groups gather throughout the week, and special events with outside speakers continue to bring top minds to the community. Once again, the Academy hosted such favorites as Randall Zachman and Cynthia Campbell. And this year, Fourth Church welcomed Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, and Ethan Anthony, an architect and expert on the work of the architect who designed Fourth Church, Ralph Adams Cram.

The Committee itself has undergone some restructuring to encourage more intentional work around review of past and present classes and more progressive publications for future classes.

*Committee members:* Annette Bacon, Michael Ban, Judy Barter, Larry Braskamp, Martha Brown, Allison Pay Crawford, Allison Graham, Jane Hunt, Carol Lobbes, Missy MacLeod, David Miller, Deborah Mitchell, Ken Ohr, Larry Thomas

*Staff liaison:* Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship



## Associate Pastor Nominating Committees

At a congregational meeting held on Sunday, October 22, 2006, the congregation elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee consisting of Kathryn Dutenhaver, Elinor Hite, Jerry Latherow, Sylvia Robertson, and Rick Sabol to search for a candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Congregational Life. On Sunday, March 25, 2007, the committee recommended Joyce Shin, who was enthusiastically elected by the congregation and was installed on Sunday, July 22.

On Sunday, October 28, 2007, the congregation elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to search for a candidate for the newly constituted position of Associate Pastor for Mission. The responsibilities of this position will include working with the Mission Committee, Chicago Lights Board, and the Chicago Avenue Community Garden Committee as well as involvement in interfaith initiatives and serving as an active presence in the community. The committee of Beth Rizer (chair), Betty Hutchison, Rick Mayer, Melanie Oh, and Ken Ohr plans to recommend a candidate to the congregation in 2008.

*Congregational Life Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:* Kathryn Dutenhaver, Elinor Hite, Jerry Latherow, Sylvia Robertson, Rick Sabol

*Mission Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:* Beth Rizer (chair), Betty Hutchison, Rick Mayer, Melanie Oh, and Ken Ohr



*Joyce Shin offers the benediction at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 22, the service at which she is installed as Associate Pastor for Congregational Life.*

*The Fourth Church youth collect cans of soup and monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 4. They raise a record \$13,383, besting their previous collection high of \$3,900. Proceeds are given to the Elam Davies Social Service Center, a program of Chicago Lights, to help feed its guests and hungry neighbors.*



*On March 4 Fourth Church joins congregations across the state in ringing their bells eighteen times for the 1.8 million uninsured people in Illinois and calling on state legislators to make quality, affordable health care accessible to everyone in Illinois. Governor Rod Blagojevich recognizes this project of the Health Care Justice Campaign—Faith Initiative by attending the 11:00 worship service with his family. As he leaves, he stops on the sanctuary steps to make an official announcement about his plans for health care in the state.*





*Playing off the Summer Day theme of “Around the World in 40 Days,” Summer Day students and older adults gather for an intergenerational lunch, during which they share memories and dreams of different places around the world.*

*Tutors meet one-to-one with the students throughout the school year as the Tutoring and Scholarship Program of Chicago Lights continues to serve more than 400 first- through twelfth-grade students from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. In May, the Student Leadership Council holds a year-end banquet at which graduating students are recognized.*



*After spending the summer interning as part of the Tutoring and Scholarship Job Training program, Shaniel Watson, LaShanda Southall, and Komilya Barfield celebrate at the internship graduation banquet on Thursday, August 9.*

## Chicago Lights

The Board of Chicago Lights supports the Chicago Lights mission: changing lives one at a time by providing hope and opportunity for those who face the challenges of aging, poverty, and access to education and health care. In 2007, Chicago Lights provided this hope and opportunity for more than 7,000 people. Throughout the year, the board focused on the future, developing a strategic plan for 2008–2010. They also oversaw two task forces that reviewed the work of the Center for Whole Health and of the Near North Magnet Cluster’s arts and literacy initiatives in Cabrini-Green elementary schools. They helped the Center for Older Adults make its transition to the Center for Life and Learning to best serve men and women age sixty and more and refocused the Near North Healthy Heart project as a partnership with Rush University.

The board raised funds to expand Summer Day to a six-week program, providing a stimulating and safe place for children from low-income backgrounds to thrive through academics and the arts. They strengthened the Tutoring and Scholarship Program’s Job Training and Career Development project, providing paid internships for thirty-four teens, some in offices of Fourth Church members. They celebrated with the Elam Davies Social Service Center, which received the Quality Assurance Award from the Greater Chicago Food Depository and brought the Center “out of the basement” with a Friend-raiser featuring fashions from the Share Shop. The board also increased the visibility of Chicago Lights through a new

website, [www.chicagolights.org](http://www.chicagolights.org), doubled the households that participated in the Annual Fund campaign to more than 750; attracted a dozen new foundation and corporate funders; and planned a Mission Benefit that exceeded by 20 percent the results of previous Mission Benefits. They supported the Jail Arts and Literacy Program at Nancy B. Jefferson Alternative School, the only tutoring program serving children at the Juvenile Detention Center, and helped achieve record results for the Chicago Lights fifteenth-consecutive Holiday Card contest and sale benefiting new Tutoring projects such as the *Hooked on Phonics* lab for young readers.

*Board members:* Mark Beckmann, Mark Bereyso, Betty Bergstrom, Jeanette Bitter, Dianne Bowman, Vern Broders, Marilyn Cason, Delia Coleman, Bob Doak, Jay Frey, Lisa Guynn, Francia Harrington, Gunnbjorg Lavoll, Larry McCracken, Mark Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Ken Ohr, Jennifer Tretheway, Nancy Unglaub

*Staff liaisons:* John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Beth Truett, Executive Director, Chicago Lights



*Thanks to fund-raising at the Mission Benefit that met a generous challenge grant from the Andrew Family Foundation, Chicago Lights is able to extend the Summer Day program from its usual four-week format to six weeks. Students get a head start on the fall semester through their involvement in fine arts, academic classes, and field trips. They close the six weeks by performing world dance, music, and drama on Thursday, July 26 at the Lookingglass Theatre.*



*Fourth Church and its Near North Ministry Alliance partners again sponsor the Healthy Community Fun Fair in Seward Park, this year on May 12. Health screenings for all ages, information booths, games, food, and entertainment (including face painting!) are provided for Cabrini neighbors.*

*A lively and fun fashion show features clothing donated to the Share Shop of the Elam Davies Social Service Center. Pastors, staff, and volunteers serve as models in the first-ever "Chicago Lights Up the Runway," as those in attendance also have opportunity to learn more about the breadth of services the Center provides to its more than 3,000 registered guests.*







*The annual children and youth musical brings to life New Testament stories as the youth of Fourth Church take the stage to perform Once Upon a Parable on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. The freewill offering received goes toward expenses for the April 2-6, 2008, mission trip to Cuba, when the Fourth Church Youth Choir has been invited to perform at the First Presbyterian Church of Havana.*

*Joel Frankel leads children and parents in a lively morning of song and dance at the annual Day School Benefit, which this year raises funds for resurfacing the Westminster House playground. In its thirty-ninth year, the Day School continues to serve children of the neighborhood by offering classes for two-year-olds and their parents and for preschoolers.*



## Children and Family

The Children and Families ministry builds spiritual development in children, opportunities for active faithfulness, and support and advocacy for families. This year, the committee reestablished a church school curriculum for the two year-olds in the nursery program. Each week, they hear a Bible story and take home a card printed with that story so that parents can read it with them again. An Academy class was held in January for parents and teachers; a popular seminar was the "Spirituality of Children," which was repeated at Family Camp in the spring. The fourth and fifth grade classes went to the Hyde Park Quaker meeting as a part of their ongoing study and exchange program with other faith communities. In the fall, children and youth put on the highly successful musical *Once Upon a Parable*.

For the first time, the children hosted a "Kids Helping Kids" benefit, an idea that came from one of the Sunday School students. A hundred children participated, and seventy-five gift bags were assembled by Sunday School children for Tutoring students. Several Boy and Girl Scouts received their God and Family scouting awards during morning worship in the spring. Vacation Bible School in August remains a very popular activity for preschoolers through fifth graders, with junior high and senior high youth serving as crew leaders for this fun week.

This busy year for Children and Family Ministry was made possible by the many volunteers who work with the children and youth, among them the fifty-four Sunday School teachers who give of their time on a regular basis in order to share their faith and the stories of the Bible with our children and youth.

*Committee members:* Dala Aavik, Steve Bumpus, Lisa Doak, Cary Donham, Elizabeth Foster, Claudia Garfield, Jim Garner, Laurie Garrett, Peyton Hutchison, David Love, Maggie McGuire, Jane Ottens, Catherine Sigmar, Evadney Stephens, Debbie Whitmore, Allison Youngblood

*Staff liaison:* Donna Gray, Minister for Children and Families



## Congregational Life

The mission of the Congregational Life Committee is to (1) care for people and to foster inclusive fellowship so that together people can wrestle with and grow in their faith; (2) to deepen the meaning of one's membership in this body of faith; and (3) to support a vibrant volunteer ministry, to care for and to expand lay leadership within the congregation, and to enrich the experiences of lay ministry.

This committee understands its own work to thrive on collaboration with the church's other program areas. It works together with those other areas to create and support programs that enable the congregation to embody God's life-giving spirit to others.

The committee oversees all-church dinners and receptions, works with the congregational oral history project, provides hospitality on Sunday mornings and at a variety of events, coordinates the efforts of small groups and the Common Connection Groups, and provides leadership formation opportunities. A particular committee highlight of 2007 was the coordination, by Common Connection Groups ThirtiesForties and Fourth Dimension, of a luncheon that brought together members of Fourth Church with members of the Muslim Downtown Worship Center for a time of fellowship and learning.

*Committee members:* Judy Barter, Betty Bergstrom, Dianne Bowman, Wydetta Carter, Linda Crane, Hope Daniels, Glenn Doering, Lisa Garay, Carol Gates, Ann Murray Hurtubise, Debbie Johnson, Sue Lopatka, Janet Love, Heather Major, Karen McCracken, Rebecca Nilsson, Zoa Norman, Doug Pond, Sylvia Robertson, Rick Sabol, Marvin Scroggins, Cecy Szuba, Roger Wilson

*Staff liaisons:* Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life

*Several Women@Fourth Connect traditions continue in 2007—their annual midwinter retreat, the back-to-school supplies drive, the Advent cookies-and-cocoa reception, the Christmas gift collection, and, shown here, the May 12 Mission Tea, complete with fancy hats and tasty teatime treats, to raise funds for social service agencies supporting women and children throughout Chicago, the nation, and the world.*



*Established in 1958, the Benevolent Guild continues to meet on Wednesday mornings to create handmade toys and tray favors for children in hospitals and shelters.*



*Throughout the year, the Community Book Group gathers for monthly conversation. A wide range of books are covered during the year, both fiction and nonfiction. A member of the pastoral staff begins the conversation, and then the gathering breaks into small groups for further discussion. At this January 23, 2007 meeting, presidential candidate Barack Obama's book Audacity of Hope is the topic of conversation.*



*Three raptors swoop in on the monthly Family Night dinner and program on Friday, March 16. Naturalists from Spring Brook Nature Center of Itasca introduce the three birds of prey—an owl (shown here), peregrine falcon, and turkey vulture—and give those in attendance an up-close experience of these fascinating birds.*

*Children and youth engage in fun-filled activities to strengthen their knowledge of the theater as well as acting, movement, and improv skills. Beverly Escuder, Wydetta Carter, and Jill Schiltz lead this fun-filled drama workshop on Saturday, May 12.*



*In May the Near North Magnet Cluster Schools program of Chicago Lights brings together 150 kids from three schools for the annual Festival of the Fine Arts performances featuring drama, dance, and music, including a musical introduction by this percussion group. For the first year, first and second graders join the cast.*

## Ecclesiastical Relations

The newly created Ecclesiastical Relations Committee maintains relationships with the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbytery of Chicago, and constituent groups. It also has responsibility for Seminarian Care, which was formerly overseen by the Congregational Care Committee. In addition to being in relationship with Fourth Church members who are in seminary, Ecclesiastical Relations also has responsibility for the Pastoral Residency program, which brings seminary graduates to Fourth Church for a two-year opportunity to participate in pastoral leadership in the congregation. Now in its seventh year, the Residency program undergoes a review, with the intention of identifying ways to further strengthen this opportunity to provide formation for practicing Presbyterian ministers. With the review ongoing, no new residents are brought into the program in 2007, but plans call for welcoming three new residents in the fall of 2008.

*Committee members:* Mark Bereyso, Sam Evans, Lars Lofgren, David Love, Diane Meister, Ann Petersen, Tony Ruger, Mary Schaafsma, Marty Sherrod, Gretchen Wahl, Stephanette Walker

*Staff liaison:* Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Young Adults

## Evangelism

The Evangelism Committee is charged with the responsibility of attracting and then shepherding potential members from the time that they first enter some part of the Fourth Church faith community until they make the decision to choose Fourth Presbyterian Church as their church home by becoming a member. New members begin their journey with this congregation in many different ways—through worship, Tutoring, the Chicago Avenue Community Garden, and the many other Fourth Church programs.

*Committee members:* Don Allerton, Bill Becker, Fred Chisolm, Delia Coleman, Bob Day, Val Henry, Arnie Lenters, Lars Lofgren, Martha Payne, Polly Peters-Bottrell, Kathi Rodak, Stanley Smith

*Staff liaison:* Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Young Adults



## Mission

The Mission Committee is made up of four subcommittees: Advocacy, Community Ministry, Funding, and Global. The Mission Committee serves the local, national, and global community through partnerships, advocacy, and the creation and support of service and funding opportunities. The general scope of responsibilities include advocacy issues and letter-writing opportunities, an Academy series, documentary films, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, Chicago Avenue Community Garden activities, a health fair and back-to-school fair in Cabrini, the Near North Ministry Alliance partnership, grants to nonprofit agencies and educational institutions, mission trips, international speakers, Mission Trip Sunday, and the Fair Trade Bazaar.

In 2007, the Mission Committee supported the work of Dr. Bernard Blaauw, Fourth Church Elder, in his work as a medical missionary in West Africa establishing an AIDS clinic in Kumba, Cameroon. A welcome-home reception was held honoring Dr. Blaauw during Coffee Hours in November.

Travelers from Fourth Church continued to build relationships through mission trips to Cuba, Guatemala, Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in South Dakota, the Holy Land, Northern Ireland and New Orleans.

The annual Fair Trade Bazaar, held the first weekend in December, netted \$40,600, providing jobs, food, housing, education and health care for one year for thirty-three artisans and their families living in a developing country.

In addition to letter writing campaigns during Coffee Hour, the Advocacy Subcommittee provides an Advocacy Alert e-mail service in which congregation members receive e-mail updates regarding legislation on issues pertaining to health care, housing, gun control, the environment, HIV/AIDS, education, poverty, immigration, and fair trade. The congregation may sign up for this service at the Advocacy Table during Coffee Hours.

The Committee also has continued to foster interfaith relationships through joint programs and opportunities with Sinai Congregation, the



*The second-annual Fair Trade Bazaar attracts Fourth Church members and Michigan Avenue holiday shoppers on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2. The purchase of fair trade goods over the two days raises \$40,600, enough to support thirty-three artisans and their families in developing countries for one year.*



*Fourth Church groups travel to Cuba, Guatemala, the Holy Land, Northern Ireland, New Orleans, and the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations in 2007. There they build relationships with those they meet, learning from them, growing in faith, and working alongside our brothers and sisters around the world.*







*The Mission Committee's Advocacy Subcommittee provides ongoing programs and discussions about current issues, ranging from the environment to health care to poverty to justice. As part of the subcommittee's monthly Documentary Film Series, on January 21 some of the Lost Boys of Sudan who now live in Chicago tell their story of being orphaned as youngsters, uprooted from their Sudanese villages by civil war, and together trekking hundreds of miles through the wilderness.*



*Women@Fourth Connect and the Mission Committee oversee a Christmas Wishes gift-giving project that collects close to 1,000 gifts for children and youth who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. Some volunteers purchase the gifts, others donate the wrapping materials, and others, including these families, wrap the presents that are then distributed to children in the Tutoring Program and social service agencies serving those in need.*



*Each spring Women@Fourth Connect marks Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month by tying blue bows to the trees on Michigan Avenue. Before the volunteers begin tying the bows on Monday, April 2, remembering those abused in the State of Illinois in 2006, they hold an interfaith prayer service in Anderson Hall. Later in the year the Between Friends domestic violence agency gives Fourth Church its 2007 Friend of the Year Award for its many years of active involvement in issues of domestic violence and child abuse.*

Downtown Islamic Center of Chicago, and Old St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Throughout the year, the Committee awarded \$150,000 in grants to approximately 40 nonprofit agencies and educational institutions.

*Committee members:* Lisa Armstrong, Cynthia Borski, Dianne Bowman, Michael Boyer, Regan Burke, Crystal Bush, Sylvia Decker, Barbara Dillard, Sue Felty, Debbie Frisch, Kim Yaung Grady, Elizabeth Hand, Marty Hansen, Courtney Hartford, Andrew Hull, Betty Hutchison, Courtney Hye, Rafi Jafri, Joseph Jeffrey, Patricia Kendall, Judy Kerch, Janet Krehbiel-Pieracci, Gayle Kryzak, Carl Leigh, Susana Lopatka, Cheri Lundin, Barbara Maloof, Anthony Mastroianni, Megan McAleer, Linda McCarty, Ann Mellott, Ed Miller, Francis Ntowe-Fankam, Melanie Oh, Brad Pierce, Joe Pixler, Edna Schade, Mark Schimmelpennig, Diana Spencer, Anne Stelle, Jeanne Sullivan, Stephanette Walker, Roy Youngblood

*Staff liaisons:* Vicki Reynolds, Director of Mission

## Nominating

The Nominating Committee is made up of representatives from the Session, Board of Deacons, and Board of Trustees, plus members-at-large elected by the congregation at the February congregational meeting. The committee is responsible for nominating thirteen Elders (including one youth), eighteen Deacons (including two youth), seven Trustees, seven Nominating Committee members, and six Chicago Lights board members. Soon after the newest class of officers was ordained and installed in May, the committee began its work gathering recommendations for candidates for the next class. After collecting names from Fourth Church members and staff of those felt to have gifts for leadership and a commitment to the life and ministry of the church, the committee prepared to present its slate of candidates to

the congregation for election at the February meeting. As always, the committee found its challenge to be distilling the slates from so many potential and proven leaders with which our congregation is blessed.

*Committee nominating 2007 candidates:* Phil Calian, Beth Davis, Bob Day, Jan Feldman, Lisa Garay, Arthur Martin, Ken Nicholson, Polly Peters-Bottrell, Mary Schaafsma, Dennis Thorn, Mary Kay Wysham

*Committee nominating 2008 candidates:* Alison Chisolm, Juli Crabtree, Beth Davis, Lou Di Cerbo, Carol Gates, Kerry Grady, Mark Nelson, Don Outlaw, Mary Schaafsma, Joyce Sigmon

*Staff liaison:* Thomas C. Rook, Parish Associate

## Personnel

The Personnel Committee is committed to providing both leadership and support to the staff of Fourth Church. The committee works to ensure that an environment is created that enables all Fourth Church staff to identify goals and objectives to lead the church into the future and to provide a support structure of performance reviews, learning resources, and compensation that foster that vision. The committee identifies resources where desired or needed to provide training or coaching to meet individual needs. In 2007, the Personnel Committee worked with the Associate Pastor Nominating Committees (*see page 11*) and also filled the position of Business Administrator, welcoming Rob Holben to the Fourth Church staff in that role.

*Committee members:* Marilyn Cason; Katheryn Dutenhaver; Arlene Faulk, co-chair; Hugh Halverstadt; Jerry Latherow; Carl Lingenfelter; Marc Miller, chair; Karen Otto; Chris Pfaff, Beth Rizer

*Staff liaisons:* John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor



*“Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride through God’s World” is the theme of this year’s Vacation Bible School, held the week of August 13–17. More than 120 children participate in this time of fun activities and learning about God’s love.*

*While their parents enjoy coffee and conversation during Coffee Hour, children enjoy stories told by a pool of volunteers during Sunday morning Story Time, which takes place weekly at 10:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall.*



*The Common Connection Groups, which bring together individuals to grow in faith, fellowship, and service, sponsor a variety of programs throughout the year. Among them is an April 13 Fourth Dimension-hosted performance by the Pilgrim Baptist Choir, whose history was shaped by its former music director, Thomas Dorsey, the father of gospel music.*



*The Chicago Avenue Community Garden blossoms for the fourth season, growing relationships between church members, residents of Cabrini-Green, and residents of the developing neighborhoods around Cabrini. The Garden Committee sponsors monthly cookouts at the garden, hosts a health fair, runs a variety of programs that involve the children of the neighborhood, and provides fresh produce for the Elam Davies Social Service Center. They also publish the first-ever Chicago Avenue Community Garden Cookbook.*



*The Project Light Leadership Team meets regularly throughout the year to oversee the realization of the Project Light vision.*

## Project Light

Project Light is the vision for Fourth Church's future, a vision that grew out of a long-range planning process begun in 1998 and involving four years of diligent and detailed study. In 2002, the congregation participated in the development and approval of a bold, four-part plan that is known today as Project Light. The four major elements of that plan are

- Renovate and expand the Michigan Avenue facilities to address the shortage of program space
- Secure the future of the church's growing programs by adding to the endowment
- Support pastoral theological education with a gift to McCormick Theological Seminary
- Build a facility on Chicago Avenue to serve both the church, in its need for program and meeting space, and the residents of this growing, diverse, and transforming mixed-income neighborhood.

The approval of this plan was followed by a Capital Campaign, "Sharing God's Grace," launched in the fall of 2003.

In 2007, the Capital Campaign Committee celebrated reaching more than \$25 million raised to date toward the \$30 million campaign goal. The Project Light Leadership Team has strategic oversight of Project Light's implementation and reports to the Session and Trustees, who have full oversight of Project Light. Throughout 2007, the Leadership Team continued to work toward a resolution on the joint development proposal that



would fund part of the \$52.5 million vision that is Project Light. The pledged gift of \$1 million was made to McCormick Theological Seminary, and programming on the Chicago Avenue property, which was purchased as part of Project Light and is home to the Chicago Avenue Community Garden, continued to blossom in 2007. Fourth Church members and neighbors gathered for community picnics at the garden, gardeners grew an abundance of flowers and vegetables, and neighborhood children had a safe place to gather and participate in structured activities.

*Project Light Leadership Team:*

Don Allerton, Betty Bergstrom, Jeanne Bishop, Pam Boneham, Clyde Bowles, David Crawford, Beth Davis, Sam Evans, Jan Feldman, Betsy Finkelmeier, Elizabeth Foster, Ellen Gignilliat, Paul Gignilliat, Armon Haagen, Joan Hall, Marilee Hopkins, Tom Howell, Don Hunt, Carl Lingenfelter, Missy MacLeod, Rick Mayer, Andy McGaan, Marc Miller, Melanie Oh, Chris Pfaaf, Janet S. Reed, Marty Sherrod, Dick Strubel, Ella Strubel, Dennis Thorn, Bob Unglaub, S. L. van der Zanden, Anne Voshel

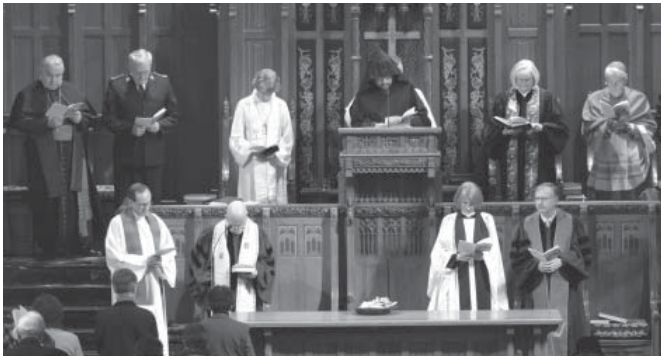
*Staff liaisons:* John M. Buchanan, Pastor; Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor; Anne Ellis, Project Manager for Congregational Life and Project Light; Rob Holben, Director of Business Administration; Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries; Ann Rehfeldt, Director of Communications



*In May the Near North Magnet Cluster Schools program of Chicago Lights brings together 150 kids from three schools for the annual Festival of the Fine Arts performances featuring drama, dance, and music, including a musical introduction by this percussion group. For the first year, first and second graders join the cast.*

*Throughout the year, Fourth Church members and friends as well as other congregations, organizations, and companies donate food, clothing, and time to the Elam Davies Social Service Center (EDSSC), reaching out to the least, the lost, and the lonely in our community. Here employees from Kraft Foods roll up their sleeves and get to work stocking the EDSSC food shelves as part of Kraft Cares Day on January 12 and volunteers prepare and serve one of the weekly Sunday Night Suppers, which provide hot and nutritious meals to more than 100 guests.*





*Fourth Church is pleased to host a variety of interfaith and ecumenical worship services during 2007, including the seventh annual Chicagoland Ecumenical Prayer Service on January 21 (above) and the Multicultural Celebration Service and fellowship meal on Sunday, March 11 (below). The multicultural service brings together several congregations from the Chicago Presbytery, each of which shares something of its unique worship tradition.*



*Carnaval España is the theme of the 2007 Mission Benefit, held Friday, February 16 at the Ritz-Carlton. Dinner and dancing to the music of the crowd-favorite Ken Arlen Orchestra delight the sell-out crowd, whose participation in the live and silent auctions helps set a Benefit record for funds raised in support of Chicago Lights, the Lorene Ropple Counseling Center, and other mission partners of Fourth Church.*

## Stewardship and Giving

The Stewardship and Giving Committee is charged with creating, implementing, and managing the annual Stewardship campaign and involvement in and support of Fourth Church programmatic fund-raising activities.

The annual Stewardship campaign makes up the largest portion of member and friend giving at Fourth Church. Through the Stewardship campaign, members are asked to make commitments of financial support for the year. Careful and faithful stewardship of our financial resources allows us to plan and deliver the programs and mission outreach about which Fourth Church is so passionate. The theme of the 2007 campaign, which kicked off in October 2006, was “You Are a Letter of Christ,” based on 2 Corinthians 3:3, and symbolized that living a Christian life means that everything we do in our lives is intended to represent Christ in the world. The 2007 Stewardship campaign was completed with pledges of \$3.2 million, from over 1,350 households. Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who participated.

The goal for the 2008 campaign, whose theme is based on Psalm 116:12, “What shall I return to the Lord for all God’s bounty to me?” is 100 percent member participation and \$4 million. The committee plans to achieve this goal through a campaign based on a change in the giving culture at Fourth Church and the reengineered case for giving that clearly states specific program needs and desires of the church. Special attention will be paid to active members who do not participate in the campaign in an effort to increase the number of pledging households.

The Stewardship and Giving Committee also works closely with the Development Cabinet, the Joint-Finance committee, and Chicago Lights to strategically plan and schedule fund-raising activities that work in tandem with each other and help to make the most of individual efforts.

*Committee members:* Gerry Bloomer, Lloyd Culbertson, Rebecca Dixon, Sam Evans, Frederick Henry, Susan Hill, Ann Kingstrom, Liz Kurman, Marc Miller, Llani O’Connor, Sara Pfaff

*Staff liaison:* Lisa Radetski, Director of Giving Ministries



## Worship, Music, and the Arts

The coordination of the many worship opportunities at Fourth Church is at the heart of the work of the Worship, Music, and Arts Committee. The committee and its members work with ushers and communion servers, musicians, lay participants, and pastors who lead and assist in worship services to provide faithful worship and preaching in the Reformed tradition and a warm welcome for the many who come through the sanctuary doors each week. Through the subcommittee of the Fine Arts Council, the Committee also provides for musical and artistic expressions beyond worship services to contribute to the life and work of the church.

Fourth Church worships God in four worship services on each Sunday as well as in many alternative settings, including midweek services during Advent and Lent, daily Morning Prayer services in which prayers are offered for members and friends, and a monthly Taizé service. Fourth Church also joins with other faith traditions in the annual Gospelfest in Cabrini-Green and the Interfaith Thanksgiving and Ecumenical New Year's Eve services.

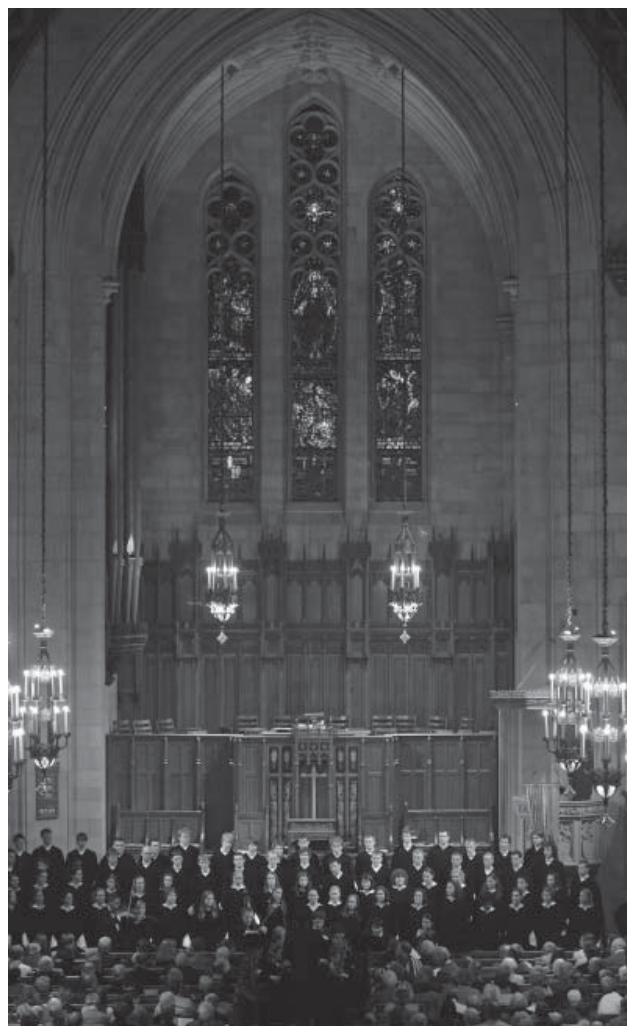
Choral programs continue to develop for many ages and levels of experience. In addition to their leadership during worship, church musicians provided music performances, including the youth and children choirs' presentation of *Once Upon a Parable*, the annual Tower Brass Christmas concert, and a singing of the Duruflé *Requiem* on All Saints' Sunday.

In 2007 the Fine Arts Council was pleased to add to Fourth Church's permanent art collection works by Melvin King, Richard Hezekiah McGhee, and Deborah Doebling, and it eagerly awaits the finished work of iconographer Joseph Malham, who is currently writing an original icon for the Fourth Church community.

This year also saw the completion of Laurie Wohl's "Unweavings" liturgical artwork, and regular art exhibits in the Loggia featured a variety of visual explorations, including contemporary images of the virgin Mary, photographs of New Orleans and depicting the impact of the US travel policy on Cuban-American families, and works done by those affected by domestic abuse. Fourth Acts continued to offer dramatic readings in and around worship services.

*Committee members:* Paula Addington, Wydetta Carter, Kerry Grady, Roberta Hayes, Jerry Johnson, Suzanne Morgan, Sally Park, Janet Reed, Mary Rhodes, Rob Sinclair, Len Tomaka, Douglas Voyles, Claudia Winkler

*Staff liaisons:* Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship; John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music



*Concertgoers fill the sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, January 28 for a performance of sacred music, sung by the St. Olaf Choir from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. The Apollo Chorus, Chicago a cappella, and Chanticleer are among the other choral groups who perform at Fourth Church in 2007.*

*Among the different worship opportunities offered throughout the year are the monthly Taizé service on the fourth Friday of each month and the Jazz Vespers service (pictured here), featuring the music of the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble, held three times a year: on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, Easter, and Pentecost.*





*The worship phenomenon U2charist rocks the sanctuary on Wednesday, September 5. The Youth Ministry Committee hosts this energizing worship service that lifts up social justice themes and incorporates the music of Bono's U2, performed by the U2 tribute band Elevation.*



*The Senior Highs prepare and serve an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 15 to raise funds for their July 28–August 4 Work Camp Trip to Hazard, Kentucky. They follow up their efforts with a car wash—and dog wash—at the Chicago Avenue Community Garden on Sunday, July 1.*

## Youth Ministry

The goal of Youth Ministry at Fourth Church is spiritual development for youth in grades six through twelve, involving discipleship, fellowship, service, and worship. It is the intention of Youth Ministry to create and nourish an environment in which youth are accepted, known, and loved for who they are. The hope is to nurture youth who have achieved a deeper sense of wholeness by integrating God and spirituality into their lives and have developed a foundation for continuing spiritual growth as young adults and beyond.

This was a year of growth, change, and experimentation for Youth Ministry. After six months of settling in and living into the existing programs, the new Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry, John Vest, began an extensive period of visioning with the Youth Ministry Committee. After thorough reviews of the current state of the ministry, input from youth, parents, and volunteer leaders, and professional counsel with youth ministry consultants, the committee unveiled plans for a new ministry structure, aimed at fuller participation and long-term sustainability.

After the conclusion of the 2006–2007 program year—which saw a confirmation class of thirty-six youth, increased visibility and participation of youth in the life of the church, new events like the pancake breakfast and car wash, and successful work camps to Special Olympics for junior high students and southeast Kentucky for senior high students—the committee launched a new Sunday morning and fellowship-service schedule in the fall with an innovative U2charist worship service and lively kickoff event in partnership with Children and Family Ministry.

As the committee continues to evaluate and tweak the Youth Ministry program, they are pleased to report that their initial efforts have been very successful, with dramatic increases in participation and substantive content. With this renewed sense of direction and the energy of revitalized ministry, they are actively looking forward to further growth.

*Committee members:* Florence Adibu, Steve Bumpus, Alli Cochrane, Jan Culbertson, Beverly Escuder, Jessica Gregory, Natasha Holbert, Steve Juley, Mark Nelson, Janet Reed, Martha Sabol, Lauren Scheibe, Ben Schemper, Sue Schemper, John Shorney, Chris Valentine, Stuart Whitmore

*Staff liaison:* John Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry



## Fourth Church News

### An Invitation from John Buchanan

## A Sermon Series for Lent

When the authors of the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John recorded and presented their experience of the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, they devoted an inordinate amount of space to the last week of Jesus' life. It is almost as if they believed that the three years of his ministry were an extended preface to the final seven days. The Gospel of Matthew devotes fully one third of its pages to the events in Jerusalem that occurred in the seven days from Palm Sunday to Easter—Holy Week. And of that, two full chapters are devoted to twenty-four hours, the time between the Last Supper on Thursday evening and the crucifixion the next day around noon. All that material is called the Passion

Narrative. Some New Testament scholars suggest that we have paid so much attention historically to the Passion and its many interpretations that we have overlooked the rest of the story—his teaching and healing. Others suggest that the sheer weight of the Passion Narrative makes it the very heart of the gospel.

This year the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. sermons in Lent will be based on several of the incidents and personalities that appear in the account of Jesus' final twenty-four hours. I invite you to prepare for worship this Lent by reading and rereading chapters 26 and 27 of the Gospel According to Matthew and then focusing on each specific text weekly:

**February 10** *Betrayed* — Judas Iscariot  
(MATTHEW 26:14–15, 47–56; 27:3–10)

**February 17** *Denied* — Peter  
(MATTHEW 26:31–35, 69–75)

**March 2** *Disappointed* — The Garden of Gethsemane  
(MATTHEW 26:36–45)

**March 9** *Mocked* — Pontius Pilate, the Trial,  
the Soldiers, the Crowd (MATTHEW 27:1–2, 11–31)

**March 16** (Palm Sunday) *Crucified*  
(MATTHEW 27:32–61)

**March 23** (Easter) *Fear and Great Joy*  
(MATTHEW 28:1–10)

### Morning Communion during Lent

Throughout Lent, Communion will be a part of each 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship service. For a list of preachers for these special Lenten Communion services, which begin Sunday, February 10, see the back cover of this issue.

### Whitebread Protestants: Food and Religion in American Culture

*Beginning Sunday, February 17  
at 11:00 a.m.*

### Three Academy Classes Begin in February

#### Understanding the Immigration Debate

*Beginning Sunday, February 17  
at 11:00 a.m.*

#### Theological Roundtable God in the World: A Guide to Karl Rahner's Theology

*facilitated by Robert Ludwig  
Beginning Sunday, February 17 at 9:30 a.m.*

For more information about these and other Academy for Faith and Life classes, pick up a brochure from the church literature racks, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academy.html), or contact Adam Fronczek at 312.540.5398 ([afronczek@fourthchurch.org](mailto:afronczek@fourthchurch.org)).

## Music at Fourth Church

### Free Friday Noonday Concerts 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary

- February 1 Annie Picard, soprano,  
and Julie Goldberg,  
guitar
- February 8 Duo Figer Khanina,  
violin and piano
- February 15 Kara Bershad, harp
- February 22 David Lamb, organ
- February 29 Sally Cherrington-Biggs,  
organ

### Paul Winter and the Paul Winter Consort Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrating the creatures and the cultures of the world through music, this program by five-time Grammy winner Paul Winter will include selections from *Earth Mass* and will feature gospel singer Theresa Thomason and organist Tim Brumfield.

*Tickets available at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)  
or by calling 312.787.4570*



## Membership

The congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the Fourth Church community.

### New Members

The following new members were received on Sunday, December 16, 2007

Kevin Cavin  
Stacy S. Cavin  
Susie Y. Chon  
Melonie T. Collman  
Christina Deaton DeMarea  
Steve Denari  
Wendy K. Gawlik  
Robert L. Harper  
Erich W. Kirr  
Joi A. La Frenz  
Jeffrey Luban  
Will Shipman  
F. Scott Thatcher  
Elizabeth A. Tidmarsh  
Mary Tyree

### Baptisms

The following children were baptized on Sunday, December 2, 2007

Suzanne Elizabeth Avakian, daughter of Keg and Amy Avakian  
Duke Michael Bowman, son of Wade and Alison Bowman  
Miles Osborn Canning, son of Greg and Rachel Canning  
Charlotte Louise Dellin, daughter of T.R. and Becky Dellin

Jack Eduard Dellin, son of daughter of T.R. and Becky Dellin

Griffin Gabriel Kuhlman, son of Adam and Kathy Kuhlman

Katherine Page Pilgrim, daughter of Blake and Sarah Pilgrim

Ryan Christian Schoenstedt, son of Robert Schoenstedt and Christy Christian

Madeline Kate Zubel, daughter of Christopher and Alison Zubel

The following child was baptized on Sunday, December 9, 2007

Ryan Scott Knight, son of John and Jennifer Knight

The following children were baptized on Sunday, December 16, 2007

Jenna Grace Bracken, daughter of Linda Bracken

Tara Lynn Bracken, daughter of Linda Bracken

John Wesley Griffin, son of Kenneth and Anne Griffin

The following adult was baptized on Sunday, December 16, 2007

Susie Y. Chon

### Births and Adoptions

Winifred Eleanor Alford, daughter of Robert and Amanda Alford, born August 24, 2007

Madison Whitney Angara, daughter of Troy and Monique Angara, born September 23, 2007

Jenna Grace Bracken and Tara Lynn Bracken, twin daughters of Linda Bracken, born September 28, 2007

Rachel Petra Dosier, daughter of Mark and Beth Dosier, born November 23, 2007

John Wesley Griffin, son of Kenneth and Anne Griffin, born December 2, 2007

Georgia Marguerite Phillip, daughter of Stephen and Karen Phillip, born April 16, 2007

Ethan Benjamin Sarbaugh, son of Tom and Shirley Sarbaugh, born March 14, 2007

Samuel William Tidmarsh, son of Lachlan and Beth Tidmarsh, born September 5, 2007

### Weddings

On December 8, 2007

Clare Monroe and Eli Hetland  
Marin Porter and David Arnolds

### Deaths

Jane Nichols, December 31, 2007

Information about the worship, education, fellowship, and mission life of Fourth Presbyterian Church is available at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) and in the church literature racks. To subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org). A one-session **Inquirers' Class** for those interested in learning more about Fourth Church is offered **Monday, February 4** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; **Saturday, February 16** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and **Sunday, February 24** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. These classes are generally held three times per month; a schedule of future class dates can be found in the literature racks and at [www.fourthchurch.org/inquirer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/inquirer.html).

For information about **becoming a member** of Fourth Presbyterian Church, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025 ([cmacleod@fourthchurch.org](mailto:cmacleod@fourthchurch.org)).

To notify the church of **illness, hospitalization, or death**; to pass along a **prayer request** to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange for **pastoral care**, including homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 ([atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org](mailto:atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org)).

To notify the church of **births and adoptions** or for information about **baptisms**, contact Emilie Syberg in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578 ([esyberg@fourthchurch.org](mailto:esyberg@fourthchurch.org)).

Available times for baptisms are often full three to four months from the current date;

**to schedule a baptism**, please call Emilie as soon as possible after the child to be baptized is born.

For information about scheduling a **wedding** at Fourth Presbyterian Church, contact Ann Meuse, Wedding Coordinator, at 312.981.4026 ([ameuse@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ameuse@fourthchurch.org)).



## Fast-Forward to These Events on Your Calendar

- » The Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble will return for a special **Jazz Vespers** service, to be held at 6:30 p.m. on February 3, the last Sunday before Lent begins.
- » The book group **Books By Women** welcomes newcomers to join in the Tuesday, February 5 discussion of *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. The conversation begins at 6:00 p.m. The book for the March 4 discussion will be *Grace (Eventually)* by Anne Lamott.
- » On Saturday, February 9, a group from Fourth Church, led by Francis Ntowe, Ann Mellott, and Adam Fronczek, will **travel to Cameroon**. They will spend ten days learning about the work of Cameroon America AIDS Alliance, established by Fourth Church members and friends to provide modern treatment protocols and training for health care providers in that African country. Please keep these travelers in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.
- » The annual **family ice-skating party** will be Sunday, February 10 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin boards in Westminster Hour or contact Emilie Syberg at 312.640.2578 (esyberg@fourthchurch.org) for details.
- » Those interested in participating in a **mission trip to New Orleans** from April 27 to May 3, working with the Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans program, are asked to complete a trip application by Monday, February 18. Applications for this trip, to be led by Dana Ferguson, Martha Langford, and Lisa Radetski, can be found in the literature racks, at [www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/missiontrips.html), or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreyolds@fourthchurch.org)
- » Applications for the May 30–June 1 **Chicago Urban Plunge** mission trip and the June 22–27 **Lakota Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations** mission trip will be due on Monday, March 17.
- » The Tony Award-winning musical *Jersey Boys*, which features the story and music of Frankie Valli, will be the destination for a **Center for Life and Learning (CLL)** outing on Wednesday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. For reservations or details, contact the CLL office at 312.981.3386 (ccl@fourthchurch.org).
- » “**A Spiritual Practice**” is the topic of this year’s annual Midwinter Conference sponsored by the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center. The workshop will address questions of why having a spiritual practice can help, what it can be, and how to find one. Adele Calhoun, a spiritual director and author, will give the keynote presentation, after which there will be opportunity to sample different disciplines designed to quiet the mind and create space for a heightened awareness of God’s presence. The conference, to be held at Fourth Church, will take place on Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Details are available in the literature racks. To register or for information, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.
- » “In all our lives there comes a moment, an event that suddenly realigns our life and makes us realize what really matters most,” writes **poet-philosopher Noah benShea**. On Sunday, February 24, Mr. benShea will speak at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, reflecting on “**What Matters Most**.” An international best-selling author, Mr. benShea is also National Laureate for the ALS Association.
- » All are invited to participate in a **Community Book Group** discussion on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. Elizabeth Andrews will lead the conversation about **Annie Dillard’s *The Maytrees: A Novel***. For those looking to read ahead, the book for the March 25 discussion, to be facilitated by Joyce Shin, will be *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* by Eboo Patel, leader and founder of the Interfaith Youth Core.
- » In observance of the annual **International Women’s Day of Prayer**, a worldwide ecumenical movement of women who come together to observe a common day of prayer each March, an interfaith service on Friday, March 7 will celebrate the gifts of women.
- » Women@Fourth Connect will host an **International Women’s World Day of Prayer** worship service on Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. This interfaith service, which will include Jewish, Muslim, and Christian neighbors, will focus on peace. A dessert reception will follow.
- » On Saturday, March 8, the **Day School** will celebrate its fortieth birthday with a lively dance party. Musician Jim Gill will perform at this annual Day School Benefit, which begins at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster House with cupcakes and fellowship and continues from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. with music and dance.
- » The second annual “**Kids Helping Kids**” event to benefit those in need will take place on Sunday, March 9 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.
- » The **Choir of King’s College, Cambridge, England**, will be in concert on Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets for this concert, which is cosponsored by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, are available at [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org) or by calling 312.294.3000.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

### FEBRUARY 3 – TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

*Communion*

6:30 p.m. Jazz Communion Vespers

Martha Langford preaching

### FEBRUARY 10 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 a.m. Communion

Alice M. Trowbridge preaching

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

*Baptisms*

6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers

Alice M. Trowbridge preaching

### FEBRUARY 17 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 a.m. Communion

John W. Vest preaching

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

John M. Buchanan preaching

*11:00 a.m.—Reception of New Members*

6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers

John W. Vest preaching

### FEBRUARY 24 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8:00 a.m. Communion

Dana Ferguson preaching

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Dana Ferguson preaching

6:30 p.m. Communion Vespers

Adam Fronczek preaching

## MORNING PRAYER

(In Stone Chapel)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.

## TAIZÉ SERVICE

Held at Fourth Church on the fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be Friday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

# Lent

## at Fourth Presbyterian Church

*This year our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, February 6. Along the way toward Palm Sunday (March 16), Holy Week, and Easter (March 23), Fourth Church offers a variety of opportunities for Lenten reflection.*

## Ash Wednesday Services

**Wednesday, February 6**

*12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary*

Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes will be a part of both services.

## Lenten Devotions

Written by Fourth Church members and staff, daily Lenten devotions will again be available by e-mail (send addresses to [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)), on the website [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org), and in a printed booklet in the church literature racks.

## Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services

**Beginning Wednesday, February 13**

Each Wednesday in Lent, members and friends are invited to a time of worship held in Blair Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

## Annual Lenten Retreat

***“Julian’s Window: A Time for Listening in Lent”***

**Saturday, February 9**

*8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall*

Linda Loving, former Associate Pastor at Fourth Church, has performed J. Janda’s one-woman drama of the life of medieval mystic Julian of Norwich in more than seventy performances around the country and in England.

On February 9, she will lead the annual Fourth Church

Lenten retreat, using Julian’s writings from

“Revelations of Divine Love” as a springboard

for meditation, conversation, journal writing, and

discernment. Focusing on Lent as a time for listening,

this retreat will allow the space and grace for holy hearing.